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I wanted to share some updates for first responder testing for COVID-19. At this time, the following process is in place for first responder testing:

- If the first responder begins experiencing symptoms consistent with the COVID-19 virus, the responder can go to one of the St Elizabeth Emergency Departments which has an Emergency Medical Unit (EMU trailer). A front triage nurse will be present outside and will properly mask the provider and obtain pertinent information. The responder needs to identify themselves as a first responder (Police, Fire, EMS).
- The provider will then be directed to the EMU trailer for further assessment.
- At this time, all first responder visits will be billed through the responsible department as a worker's comp claim as the EMU is an extension of the Emergency Department and will be billed as an ED visit.
- Only providers currently experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19 (fever, cough, shortness of breath) will be tested. Those who are worried about a potential exposure but exhibit no symptoms or those with symptoms not consistent with COVID-19 will not be tested.
- UPDATE: All first responder COVID-19 tests will be sent to a lab with a 24-48 hour turnaround time. Tests will no longer be sent to a commercial lab with turnaround times of 7-9 days.
- The EMU trailers are open from 10a-8p daily including weekends.

Click below for the CDC guidelines for the process for first responders returning back to work. As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions!

[https://campbellcountky.gov/egov/documents/1585171010\\_39503.PDF](https://campbellcountky.gov/egov/documents/1585171010_39503.PDF)

Thank you!

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